

BOOK REVIEW

MAYNARD, AUBRE DE L.: *Heridas y Traumatismos Cardiacos*. La Plata, Argentina, Quiron, 1978, 206 pp.

This book by Dr. Aubre de L. Maynard is in essence a compilation of his cumulative experience as chief of thoracic surgery at Harlem Hospital, New York, for many years. The first chapter, appropriately enough, is a complete and exceedingly readable historical account of cardiac injuries. The book is divided into two parts of 10 chapters each. The first part covers cardiac injuries and the second cardiac trauma.

This is neither a textbook nor a reference book to be consulted in cases of emergency; it is a book intended to be read at leisure, for it provides understanding rather than information. The full benefit cannot be obtained by occasional and rapid reading. In cardiac wounds and traumas, Dr. Maynard demonstrates his extensive experience in thoracic surgery and establishes his unchallenged supremacy as a gifted teacher.

The reproduction of the illustrations is rather poor, and some of them could have been omitted without altering the merits of the book. Despite this minor shortcoming, Dr. Maynard's book must be considered a scholarly volume worthy of study.

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